



Curriculum Overview

Reception Autumn 2

This term, our topic is 'Celebrations'

Personal Social and Emotional Development



Curriculum objectives:

- Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say.
- Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interest and opinions.
- Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities.

Some of the learning activities:

- Making safety posters for Bonfire night.
- Working together as a team to build large scale bonfire outside with different materials.
- Visit the local church.
- Learn about Remembrance Day and take part in activities to honour it.
- Circle time activities – What makes a good friend? What things can you do to be a good friend?

Communication and Language



Curriculum objectives:

- Able to follow story without props or pictures.
- Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.
- Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.

Some of the learning activities:

- Attend a mock wedding at the local church.
- Act out the nativity story.
- Hot seating characters in a story.
- Creating a freeze frame from a story.
- Phoning a character from a story.
- Role play masks.
- Talking telephones.

Physical Development



Curriculum objectives:

- Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control.
- Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines.

Some of the learning activities:

- Practising zipping our coats up and putting hats and gloves on for Bonfire night.
- Using sweeping brushes to make a large bonfire picture.
- Making large rangoli patterns.
- Kneading and rolling play dough to shape diva lamps.
- Wrapping presents of different shapes and sizes.
- Registration activities – drawing, cutting skills and jigsaws.



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Literacy



Curriculum objectives:

- Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.
- Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.

Some of the learning activities:

- Daily handwriting, phonics and reading.
- Make a word bank describing the children's experiences on Bonfire night.
- Write wedding invitations.
- Read and follow instructions to make cakes for our wedding.
- Write a guest list for our mock wedding.
- Write a Christmas list.
- Write letters to Father Christmas.
- Write Christmas cards.

Mathematics



Curriculum objectives:

- Selects the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5.
- Uses the language 'more' and 'fewer' to compare groups of objects.
- Says a number that is one more than a given number.
- Orders items by capacity, length and height.

Some of the learning activities:

- Whose magic potion is full, half full or empty?
- Recognise the number and print that many shapes with paint.
- Number formation in sand.
- Compare which group of fireworks has the most /fewest stars.
- Add one more present to the pile, how many do we have now?
- Which present is the heaviest/lightest? Put them in weight order.

Understanding the World



Curriculum objectives:

- Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines.
- They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

Some of the learning activities:

- Find out about who celebrates Diwali.
- Explore the traditions of Diwali.
- Taste food eaten and given as presents at Diwali.
- Look at wedding photographs from different cultures and explore traditions comparing similarities and differences.
- Make Christingles and learn the significance of them.
- Find out about all the different traditions that take place at Christmas.

Expressive Art and Design



Curriculum objectives:

- Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.
- Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately.
- Chooses particular colours to use for a purpose.

Some of the learning activities:

- Kitchen roll firework pictures.
- Chalk firework pictures.
- Create poppy wreaths.
- Design a medal.
- Create rangoli patterns.
- Make invitations, cakes, and decorations for the mock wedding.
- Learn a song to sing in church.
- Registration activities – draw it, colour it.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 1st November - Early Years Open morning at 9:30am (New prospective parents)
- Wednesday 1st November - Healthy pack lunch workshop 9.15am
- Thursday 2nd November - Early Years Open Evening 6.00pm (New prospective parents)
- Wednesday 8th November – Parents evening
- Tuesday 21st November – Early years 'stay and learn' 9.15am
- Monday 11th December - Early years Nativity performance
- Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas Market / KS2 Evening Carol Concert
- Wednesday 13th December – Christmas meal /Christmas jumper day

Early years reading target - I can hear and say the initial sounds in words.